

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Happy Hearts

The speaker for the January Happy Hearts meeting is Lieutenant Colonel Joe Tallon (Retired) who served over 37 years in the US Army from 1969 to 2007. Joe has written the book, *100 Days in Vietnam: A Memoir of Love, War and Survival* that tells of the day-to-day life of a first lieutenant in combat. This book is based on the letters Joe sent to his wife, Martha Anne, during his time in Vietnam.

The meal, served at 12pm, will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, assorted desserts, and tea for \$8. Reservations are due in by January 21.

Note the change in making reservation: Register online at happyhearts@bethany-umc.com or call 843.771.3979.

2024 Flower Calendar

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one.

The 2024 flower calendar is open. **January 14 & 21 and February 11 & 25** are quickly approaching, and those dates are still open. Please contact Mandy Killiri at mkilliri@bethany-umc.com to reserve a date or sign up on the calendar located in the Sanctuary hallway on the bulletin board.

Offering Envelopes

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the upstairs hallway by the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today!

Wintertime Blues?

If more than temporary, maybe you could benefit from a warm and caring Stephen Minister. Grey and chilly days can bring on sadness, and talking about it can help. Let Stephen Ministry share your burdens. Please reach out. For women: Sue Malphrus at 843.345. 9116 or Leah Martin at 404.408.5457. For men: Denis Tsukalas at 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.2130.

Wednesday Night BNOW

Bethany NOW, our Wednesday Night program, includes food, fellowship and fun for all ages. We will **resume on Jan. 10** with adult and children's classes and an exciting dinner menu! Please see bulletin insert for class descriptions. We hope to see you there!

Katie's Krops

We are in need of 600 individually wrapped homemade desserts to be paired with Katie's Krops meals on January 11 for the hungry in the local area. Please deliver to the Business Office by Thursday no later than 11 am. To sign up, please scan the QR Code. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



THIS WEEK...

Not all activities are included here. Look for the most up-to-date calendar posted throughout the church.

Sunday, January 7

8 AM WORSHIP, Spell Chapel
8:45 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
8:45 AM WORD & TABLE, FH
10 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM WORSHIP, Sanctuary
5:30 PM Bethany Youth Ascend

Monday, January 8

10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
10 AM Plarning/Upcycling, 122
10:30 AM Spell Dennis Circle, Friendship Circle
12:30 PM Men's Book Buddies, Youth House
2 PM Bethany Golf League, Miler
2:30 PM Care Team, 127
5:30 PM CDC Board Mtg., 127
6 PM Kid's Care Board, 215
6:30 PM SPRC, Conference Room
7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
10 AM Quilters, Blue House
6:30 PM Finance Committee, Conf. Room
7 PM UW Faith, Fellowship Hall
7 PM Gamblers Anonymous, Friendship Circle

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday Night BNOW

5:30 AM Men's Prayer Group, 215
9 AM Bridge Group, FC
5-6 PM BNOW Meal, Fellowship Hall
6 PM BNOW Children's Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Youth Programs
6:15 PM BNOW Adult Classes
7 PM Chancel Choir, 234

Thursday, January 11

8:30 AM YOGA, Gym
9:30 AM Bible Study, 239
10 AM Adult Pickleball, Gym
6 PM Handbells, 234
6:30 PM Trustees, Conf. Room
7 PM Gamblers Anonymous, 124
7 PM Grace Circle, 127

Friday, January 12

6:30 AM Men's Devotion Study, 127
9 AM Women's Bible Study, 215

Saturday, January 13

No Activities Scheduled

Wi-fi Password

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password bethanywelcome.

Bethany Kids!

8:45 Children's Church is geared for kids Kindergarten to 2nd grade. However, all kids Kindergarten and up are welcome to come. Kids come into worship with parents and will be escorted to Room 213 where parents can pick up after service, or they can stay for Sunday school. Please make sure you fill out a Children's Church sticker located in the pew.

Preschoolers can be signed into Room 115B at the beginning of 8:45 and 11:15 services. Sunday school for all age kids is 10-11 am. It is an hour of fun, faith development and fellowship.

If you have questions, you can email, call or text us! Emily Vick 843.343.2506 evick@bethany-umc.com
Stephanie Mitchum 843.343.8494 smitchum@bethany-umc.com
Janice Harp 843.607.3493 jharp@bethany-umc.com.

Recording/Photography

Portions of Worship services are recorded and made available for viewing on our web site. As a worshiper, you will not be identified in the recording/photos unless you are a speaker using our public address system. No close-up shots will be used of the congregation, allowing you privacy in your worship experience. If you wish to not have your image or voice used in our worship video, please notify the church office (843.873.1230), otherwise attendance implies consent.

Emergency Phone

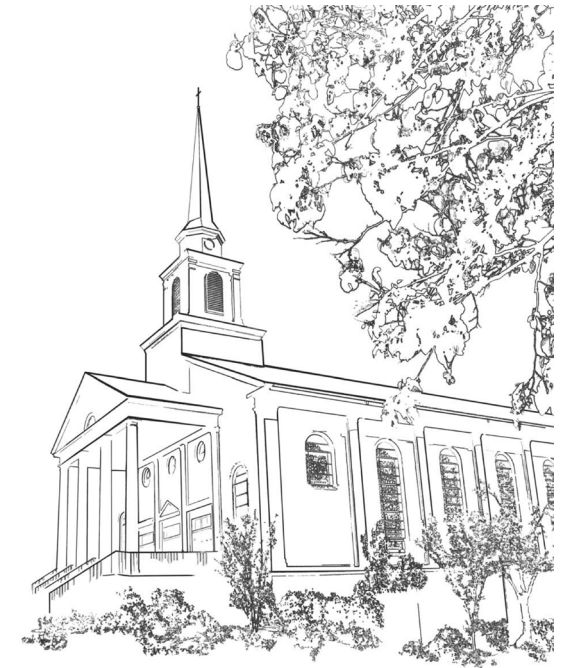
A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 843.429.1848.

January 7, 2024
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services

BETHANY

United Methodist Church



Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor
Rev. Mark Barnes, Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Mr. Kyle Boczkowski, Leisure Ministries and Youth Director
Dr. Robert Taylor, Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Michael Lopez, Organist

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***We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries
Congregation and a Welcoming Church.***

CALLED TO CARE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

* **Call to Worship** Sanctuary J. Thompson and R. Scruggs
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

* **Opening Hymn** What Child Is This **No. 219**

* **Affirmation of Faith** THE APOSTLES' CREED **No. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri** **No. 70**

Children's Moment

Anthem Star Carol John Rutter
 Chancel Choir

First Lesson Genesis 1: 1-5 **OT pg. 1**

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory What Child is This arr. Phillip Keveren
 Michael Lopez, piano

* **Doxology** **No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Second Lesson** Mark 1: 4-11 **NT Pg. 34**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rising Above Rev. Michael Ritter

Reaffirmation of our Baptismal Covenant **No. 50**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **No. 12**

Gluten-free option available upon request.
 (No Children's Church on Communion Sunday)

* **Hymn of Dedication** We Three Kings **No. 254**

* Benediction

* **Benediction Response** Irish Blessing L. Turner
May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

* Chiming of the Trinity

* Postlude

* For those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of a Happy New Year from Lelon and Karen Fleischauer.

The Baptismal Font flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Harrison from his family.

WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to further acknowledge your presence by signing the attendance registration pad when it is passed to you. A nursery is available for infants and toddlers in our Child Development Center on the first floor. An usher will be happy to give you directions. Also, please ask about our Sunday School hour at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. Join us for complimentary coffee from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. every Sunday outside the Fellowship Hall, near the kitchen. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehr, Membership Director, at jsehrt@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230.

HEARING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

Hearing devices are available for our members and guests who are hearing impaired. If you need help hearing the worship service, please ask an usher for a hearing device.

In order to not distract your fellow worshipers, please **turn off** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Ernie Brockman, Bob Johnson, Larry McKeegan, Jim Parrish, Hank Sieling, Tom Tatum, Phil Richardson, David Martin

11:15 ~ Team Leader: Sam Dorr; Buford Boyd, Claude Rowe, Tim Rowe, Joe Iwonowski, Cameron Rowe

Liturgist

8:45 & 11:15 – Mr. Pete Knight

Communion Servers

8:45- JC & Peggy Ridgeway **11:15** – Chad and Kamilla Urban

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through presence, prayers, service and gifts.

Gifts (*Figures for December 31, 2023. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	38,575.40
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	1,919,515.90
*Operating Expense Funding YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)....	-259,673.10 -11.92%

Capital Campaign (Figures for October 29, 2023)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	3,804.68
*Building Contributions Year to Date	135,376.01
*Campaign Goal YTD – Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)	-52,171.99 -28%

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted) 457,218.66

Presence (December 31, 2023)

8 am Spell – 63; Word & Table Worship - 0; Sanctuary Worship- 249
 Online Worship – 502; Sunday School - 0

Scan to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code and you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform.



You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone!

